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DIARY NOTES

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29 March 1963

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning I reported very briefly on four matters having to do with my trip to the Far East, in which I thought the Director would have an interest:

a. First, I thought that the [REDACTED] Conference was outstanding and Station Chiefs commented to me that they thought it was the best they have ever had.

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b. We have a problem of growing importance in Air America [REDACTED] which we (U. S. Government) are going to have to face up to very shortly.

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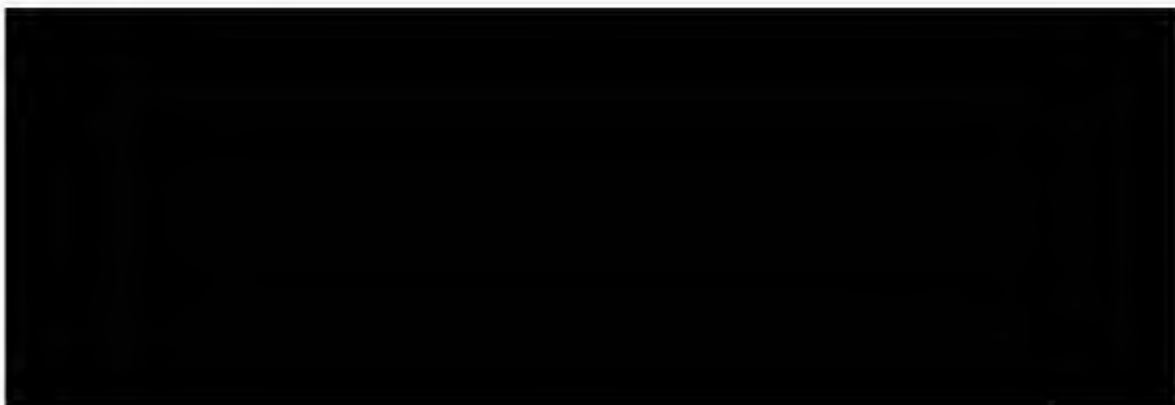
c. [REDACTED] are glowing in their praise for the logistical support now being received through us and are most pessimistic about what they will receive from the Department of Defense after 1 July 1963. (The Director said he thought it might have been a mistake to make this change and it might have been wiser for us to continue logistical support.)

d. The housing situation generally, and particularly in [REDACTED] I told the Director that I saw no solution to the [REDACTED] problem except to undertake construction and that I had been working [REDACTED] toward this objective.

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3. Matt Baird was in to talk with me and to leave a letter requesting that his resignation as Director of Training be accepted as of the end of this year. He would like to stay in the Agency in some capacity of lesser importance or even in some other Government agency. He is discouraged in general, and I guess the decision to move OTR out of the building was about the last straw. I told him that I hoped he would change his mind and that I would not make any decision on the matter until we had slept on it for a few days. He was also having lunch with Kirk and intended to leave a copy of the letter to me with him.

4. I talked to Shef Edwards about an article which appeared in the Washington Post this morning concerning an [REDACTED] (not named in the article) who had been fired [REDACTED] entered on duty with us and because of failing the polygraph test was allowed to resign in 1956. [REDACTED] did not check with us prior to employment of [REDACTED] and did so only when [REDACTED] told them about the polygraph test in CIA which resulted in his leaving the Agency. When [REDACTED] then came to us we disclosed the information we had. (Emmett Echols was shook up about this a little bit, but I reminded him that we could not withhold this type of information from other Government agencies and, in fact, we explained to people leaving because of homosexuality that we would have to disclose this information if we were asked by another Government agency as a result of the person's making application for employment.)

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